Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 255.

(*b*) 127.

(*c*) 88.

(*d*) Number returned refused .. 32.
No. not served for want of sufficient time 2.
No. died unserved .. .. 1.
No. affixed .. .. 5.

(*e*) A further enquiry under Order V. Rule 19, C. P. C., will be made when there is room for suspicion as regards the veracity of the report of the serving officer or when a complaint is received in regard to it.

ERNAKULAM-METTUPALAYAM RAILWAY CONNECTION—INSUFFICIENCY OF ACCOMMODATION

245. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Ernakulam-Mettupalayam compartments are insufficient for the needs of the 3rd class passengers;

(*b*) whether such 3rd class carriages are attached every day for all the up and down trains usually run through to Mettupalayam;

(*c*) whether the Government be pleased to address the Railway Authorities to redress this long-felt grievance?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) At present one ZTR carriage with accommodation for 50 third class passengers is run between Ernakulam and Mettupalayam by train Nos. 925, 706, 838 and 819 in one direction and Nos. 828, 837, 705 and 926 in the other direction. From the statistics of passengers booked from Ernakulam to stations on the Podanur-Mettupalayam section and vice versa, Government are convinced that the accommodation now provided for third class passengers is quite sufficient.

(*b*) The through carriages are attached only to the trains mentioned above on all the days.

(*c*) Government think that there is no need to address the Railway Authorities in the matter.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Hon'ble Secretary to Government go to the Ernakulam Railway Station today and see whether there is any such carriage with a board 'Ernakulam-Mettupalayam' attached on the last train. I have seen on several occasions that an ordinary railway carriage constructed together with the break van is attached with no accommodation for more than 16 passengers. On most occasions, there is no board attached to the carriage to show that it is for Mettupalayam.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* If the Hon'ble Member wants actual statistics, I shall give you.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If it is for 50 3rd class passengers then it is satisfactory. But they do not supply accommodation for 50 passengers. The rule may be so. But the subor inate Railway staff do not attend to their duty in the matter.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know the average number of daily passengers?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It has never exceeded half that number. The highest record is only 29.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* There will be passengers from Chalakkudi and Trichur.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, there will be interlopers, those who travel to intermediate stations.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF

246. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any Geologist attached to the Harbour Works or the Port;

(*b*) will the Government be further pleased to place on the table of the House the report of any Geological Survey on the Willingdon Island that has been made, if any?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government are not in possession of any report of a Geological Survey on the Willingdon Island.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Where is this survey conducted?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* In all the places throughout the port area of Cochin.

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